

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 9-11, 12, 13, 15-19 and 21-25; claims 8 and 20 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-25 are pending in the application. The Applicants also respectfully submit that the designation of Figure 3B as prior art was inadvertent. As can be seen in the section "Brief Description of the Drawings," Figure 3B is described as a UDP "...in accordance with preferred embodiments of the present invention". Therefore, Figure 3B has been amended to indicate a depiction of an embodiment of the present invention.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Objections

Claims 3 and 8-10 are objected to because of informalities. Claim 8 has been canceled. The informalities in claims 3 and 9 - 10 have been corrected.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants note with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 19 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been cancelled and the limitations of claim 8 have been incorporated with the allowable limitations of claim 19 and amended claim 19 is now independent. Claim 20 has been cancelled and the limitations of claim 20 have been incorporated into allowable claim 23 and amended claim 23 is now independent. Claim dependency has been corrected in the respective dependent claims to reflect the correct dependency. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments have placed the independent claims 19 and 23 and the respective dependent claims in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as the invention. Claim 3 has been amended to distinctly claim the subject matter and claim 8 has been cancelled rendering the rejection claim 8 moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Figures 3A and 4A of the admitted Prior Art (Prior Art) in view of Bergenwall *et al.* (US 6,292,891 hereinafter Bergenwall). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

Claims 19 and 23 (currently amended) are noted as having allowable subject matter. The limitations of these two claims concern a sequence number parameter that is a function of the maximum jitter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable limitation of the sequence number being a function of the maximum jitter. Support for this amendment is found on page 19, lines 10-21 of the specification.

Amended claim 1 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 2 and 4-7 depend from claim 1 and contain the same allowable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-7.

Claims 8-10, 13, 15-18, 20-22, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Prior Art in view of Bergenwall and further in view of Vargo *et al.* (US 6,356,545 hereinafter Vargo). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

Claims 8 and 20 have been canceled rendering the rejection of those claims moot. The remaining claims, 9-10, 13, 15-18 depend directly or indirectly from claim 19 and claims 21-22, 24 and 25 depend directly or indirectly from claim 23. As discussed above claims 19 and 23 contain allowable subject matter and have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion in part 13 of the Detailed Action. The Applicants

respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 9-10, 13, 15-18, 21-22, 24 and 25.

Claims 3, 11, 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted Prior Art and Bergenwall and further in view of Hellwig *et al.* (US 6,295,302 hereinafter Hellwig). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

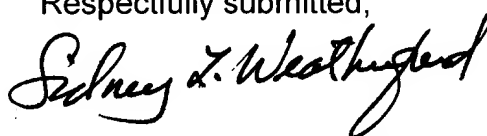
Claim 3 depends from amended claim 1 and contains the same allowable limitations. Claims 11, 12 and 14 now depend from claim 19 and contain the same allowable limitations as claim 19. The Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 14.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-25.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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